

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I believe the broadcast flag will interfere with users' ability to make copies of content for personal use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

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Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I don't know, but it seems likely that vendors of equipment with the flag will introduce incompatibilities with equipment that does not look for the flag so that vendors of the equipment with the flag will gain a competitive advantage.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

It seems that such a requirement would limit possibilities.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I imagine such a requirement will increase costs.

Other Comments:

The motion picture industry, while important, is small compared to for example the computer manufacturing industry. It is also not clear why any one industry should be able to determine what the public can see.